



Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled “Click It or Ticket,” “Road Respect,” and “Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected enforcement mobilizations.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

Other Funding Opportunities

OVC FY08 Victim Assistance Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: January 10, 2008

The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for three development fellowship positions. OVC will support fellowships in the categories of sexual assault, human trafficking and public awareness, and/or field outreach and crime victims’ rights enforcement. OVC fellows will support OVC staff through the provision of direct operational assistance to crime victim organizations and agencies; the design and development of innovative initiatives; training programs; and evaluation and capacity building efforts. This is a competitive award for individual fellowships and applicants are limited to individuals.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY08_Victim_Assistance_Fellowship_Program.pdf.

Research on Terrorism

Application Deadline: February 5, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to conduct social science research on terrorism. Proposed research should aim to improve criminal justice and first-responder strategies for preventing, preparing for, responding to, and mitigating terrorist incidents at the federal, state, and local levels. Applications may address either domestic or international terrorism.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000818.pdf>.

Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals and Residents of Residential Care Facilities

Application Deadline: February 5, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding research in the area of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of individuals over the age of 65 and individuals of any age who reside in residential care facilities. Applications should address gaps in NIJ’s ability to prevent, detect, and respond to such abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Applications proposing research in other areas will be considered, but should explain how the proposed project will fill a critical gap in the field’s knowledge and practice.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000817.pdf>.

Research on Human Trafficking

Application Deadline: February 12, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding for research projects to address knowledge gaps related to trafficking of persons in the United States. NIJ is particularly interested in research related to labor trafficking, demand reduction for sex trafficking and commercial sex acts, and identifying and addressing issues faced by trafficking victims. All applications should be for research with direct, immediate, and obvious implications for policy and practice in the United States.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000819.pdf>.

Research on Policing

Application Deadline: February 12, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding of research on policing to improve law enforcement policies and operations at the State and local levels. NIJ is particularly interested in applications addressing integrity; policing immigrant communities; police performance measures; training; and/or evaluation research. Priority will be given to proposed evaluation research designs with multiple units of analysis and multiple measurements and applications that include additional cost/benefit analysis.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000826.pdf>.

Crime and Justice Research

Application Deadline: March 5, 2008

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding of social and behavioral research on, and evaluations related to, crime and justice topics relevant to State and/or local criminal and juvenile justice police and practice. Most crime and justice topics that are relevant to policymakers and practitioners are eligible for consideration. Priority will be given to applications for funding of research in areas that do not duplicate NIJ's targeted solicitations, or applications that could be considered under those targeted solicitations but require substantially higher levels of funding.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000820.pdf>.

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

The Office for Victims of Crime developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate and assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>.

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

The Office for Victims of Crime will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help them improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>.

Research and Publications

Sexual Victimization in State and Federal Prisons Reported by Inmates, 2007

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, examines data collected from a sample of over 23,000 inmates incarcerated in 146 State and Federal prisons between April and August 2007. The report includes a ranking of facilities by the frequency and incidence of sexual victimization. Also included are national-level and facility-level estimates of nonconsensual sex acts, abusive sexual contacts, victimizations by inmates as well as staff, and level of force.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/svsfpri07.pdf>.

Criminal Victimization, 2006

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents an overview of rate and level estimates of personal and property victimizations in 2006. Drawn from the National Crime Victimization Survey, the report includes data on violent crimes, property crimes, and personal theft. Also included are victimization counts and rates for several urban and suburban areas for 2005 and 2006.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cv06.pdf>.

Prisoners in 2006

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, examines the number of persons incarcerated in State and Federal prisons in 2006. The report compares the 2006 prison population with the previous year and includes prison growth rates since 2000. Also included in the report are the number of offenders imprisoned in the U.S. Territories and Commonwealths, in military facilities, and in facilities operated by or for the U.S. Immigration and Customs; prisoner demographics by age, gender, race, and type of offense; rates of incarceration by jurisdiction; and prison capacities and the use of local jails and privatized prisons.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/p06.pdf>.

Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, provides an overview of probationers and parolees, by state, in 2006. The report compares national totals to year end counts for 1995 and 2000 through 2005 and includes State-level probation and parole supervision statistics for 2006. Also included are changes in the probation and parole population during 2006, the demographic composition of persons on probation and parole, and the admissions and departures, including revocations, of probationers and parolees, by state.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ppus06.pdf> .

Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2007

This annual report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in conjunction with the National Center for Education Statistics, presents data on the nature of crime in and around schools and reactions to crime and violence in an education setting. Using statistics gathered from a variety of sources, including insight from students, teachers, and school administrators, the report provides a contemporary overview of school crime and student safety. Topics include: violent deaths; nonfatal student and teacher victimization; school environment; fights, weapons, and illegal substances; fear and avoidance; and discipline, safety, and security measures.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/iscs07.pdf>.

Federal Prosecution of Child Sex Exploitation Offenders, 2006

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents an overview of federal criminal case processing figures on child sex offenses. Specifically, the report focuses on child sex trafficking, sexual abuse, and child pornography. Data presented in the report include the number of cases referred, prosecuted, and convicted; defendant characteristics at initial hearing; and variation in the volume of defendants charged with child sex offenses over a twelve year period.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fpcseo06.pdf>.

Helping Inmates Obtain Federal Disability Benefits

The National Institute of Justice released this report which examines programs in Texas, Philadelphia, and New York State that assist inmates in preparing and filing pre-release applications for Federal disability benefits. Pre-release preparation and filing of such applications ensure that inmates continue to receive treatment without disruption after they are released from a correctional setting. The report is intended for correctional administrators, probation and parole officers, prison counselors, health care advocates, correctional medical staff, and health care and social workers in a jail or prison.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/216297.pdf>.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: What Do We Know and What Do We Do About It?

The National Institute of Justice released this report which provides an overview of the sexual abuse of minors for economic gain. The report includes descriptions of the three levels of commercial sexual exploitation of children and the effects of the abuse on victims. Also included are suggestions and recommendations to prevent current and future incidences of exploitation.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/215733.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference 2008

January 14-28, 2008 in St. Louis, MO

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, this conference focuses on all aspects of computer crime and, more specifically, on new approaches and perspectives in combating such crimes today and in the near future. Topics discussed include: intrusion investigations, cyber crime law, digital forensics, information assurance, research and development, and training.

For more information: <http://www.technologyforums.com/8CC/>.

National District Attorneys Association National Gang Conference

January 22-23, 2008 in Alexandria, VA

Sponsored by the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), this conference will focus on comprehensive responses to gang crime. Using NDAA's Gang Response Model, the goal of the conference is to provide prosecutors and law enforcement officers with the fundamental skills to effectively identify and address gang violence and crime. Topics include: characteristics of an armed gang member; gangs and firearms; gang injunctions 101; and working with different stakeholders. For more information: http://www.ndaa.org/education/apri/national_gang_conference_2008.html.

22nd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

January 28–February 1, 2008 in San Diego, CA

Sponsored by various government and local organizations, this conference centers on establishing and improving multi-disciplinary best-practice efforts to prevent, recognize, investigate, prosecute, and treat all forms of child and family abuse. Highlighted topics include: child fatality investigations; child abuse and disabilities; child trafficking; the Adam Walsh Act; sex offender treatment; domestic violence; and child welfare.

For more information: <http://chadwickcenter.org/conference.htm>.

Getting it Right: Solutions for Safer Communities (2008 Northeast Regional Conference)

January 29-31, 2008 in Hartford, CT

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference addresses the latest issues faced by law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. The conference guarantees to offer best practices and resolutions for emerging and recurring concerns. Topics include: violent crime; campus safety; grants management; intervening in drug markets; justice funding; justice information sharing; intelligence led policing; methamphetamine; and specialized responses for the mentally ill.

For more information: <http://www.bjaregionalmeetings.com/>.

Bringing Partners Together for a Cohesive Response to Sexual Assault: Defining Partnership Roles in a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

February 1, 2008 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the Victim Rights Law Center, Part II of the Bringing Partners Together for a Cohesive Response to Sexual Assault series will focus on the establishment of local Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). Lessons learned from Part I will be discussed and the ideal roles of local SART partners will be defined. Time will be dedicated for participants to explore collaboration with other individuals from the same local area.

For more information: RSVP by January 25, 2008 to Kate Lawson at (617) 399-6720 x 11 or vrhc@victimrights.org.

National Cyber Crime Symposium

February 11-14, 2008 in Long Beach, CA

Sponsored by the United States Pretrial Services Agency for the Central District of California, in partnership with the Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association, this conference will bring together nationally renowned professionals in the areas of on-line addiction/psychological disorders, academic research, digital evidence identification, and computer forensics. Topics include: cyber crime; digital evidence preservation; and cyber-offender management. Specifically, the conference will focus on how these areas relate directly to pretrial, probation, and supervised release.

For more information: <http://www.cacpt.uscourts.gov/conf/default.htm>.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 60th Annual Scientific Meeting
February 18-23, 2008 in Washington, DC

Sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, this conference gathers professionals in the field of forensic sciences to discuss updates and innovations in forensics. The conference consists of ten sessions showcasing an array of forensic specialties including: criminalistics; engineering sciences; general forensics, jurisprudence; odontology; pathology/biology; physical anthropology; psychiatry and behavioral science; questioned documents; and toxicology.

For more information: http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section_id=meetings&page_id=aafs_annual_meeting.

35th National Conference on Juvenile Justice
March 9-12, 2008 in St. Louis, MO

Sponsored by the National District Attorneys Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, this conference offers juvenile justice professionals a forum to gain national perspective on common issues faced by those in the field. Sessions are designed to encourage and stimulate participants and will highlight effective practice and programs, offer suggestions and recommendations, and provide networking opportunities. Breakout sessions topics include: truancy and safe schools; gangs; family violence; child abuse and neglect; juvenile sex offenders; and substance abuse.

For more information: http://www.ndaa-apri.org/events/conferences/2008_jj_conf.html.

Blueprints Conference 2008
March 17-19, 2008 in Denver, CO

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, this conference provides continuing education and networking opportunities for effective and promising evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for juveniles and their families. Topics include: functional family therapy; girls study group; lifeskills training; multidimensional treatment foster care; multisystemic therapy; national center for school engagement; and nurse-family partnership.

For more information: <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/about.html>.

News

Grant to Aid Tracking of Domestic Violence
***The Boston Herald*, December 20, 2007**

According to *The Boston Herald*, Jane Doe, Inc, a coalition of victims' advocacy groups, has received a two-year grant from the Verizon Foundation to expand a database tracking sexual assaults and domestic violence in Massachusetts. The \$50,000 grant will give state officials and Jane Doe, Inc. access to valuable data that would otherwise take weeks or months to accumulate. In an effort to determine what services are needed in specific communities and statewide, the database will track information such as the number of victims, languages spoken, number of children, and the need for emergency housing or restraining orders.

Access full text at: <http://bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1054961>.

Police Snare 18 in Drug Sweep

***The Republican*, December 21, 2007**

After a months-long collaboration of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, a large scale cocaine bust resulted in the seizure of 18 suspects from throughout Western Massachusetts, reports *The Republican*. Representing one of the region's biggest busts in recent years, the raids snared a total of 4,200 grams of cocaine and crack cocaine, a street value of approximately \$500,000. Seizures also included marijuana, firearms, ammunition, vehicles, and \$200,000 cash.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-12/1198227020259750.xml&coll=1>.

Theft of GPS Devices on Rise Across the City

***The Boston Globe*, December 22, 2007**

Thefts of GPS devices in the city of Boston more than quadrupled from 2006 to 2007, states *The Boston Globe*. While Boston police reported 217 GPS devices stolen in the first 11 months of 2006, the number has jumped to 1,009 during the same time period in 2007. The dramatic increase in GPS thefts has skewed Boston crime statistics which would have otherwise reflected a 7, instead of 4, percent decline. In an effort to deter thieves, police are asking for stiffer penalties for offenders who steal repeatedly.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/12/22/theft_of_gps_devices_on_rise_across_the_city/.

Push on for Funding, Education

***The Boston Herald*, December 23, 2007**

Jane Doe, Inc. is seeking restored funding for a dating-violence prevention program in schools and for emergency housing for domestic violence victims and their children, *The Boston Herald* reports. A survey administered by Jane Doe earlier this year found that, statewide, there are few to no emergency beds available for domestic violence victims and their children most of the time. While funding for shelter and support services has increased to approximately \$22 million in the last 5 years, only \$13.2 million has been reserved annually to pay for essential domestic violence services, such as crisis centers.

Access full text at: <http://bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1062329>.

Grant Funding Targets Gang Violence

***The Republican*, December 23, 2007**

According to *The Republican*, Governor Deval L. Patrick recently announced that several Western Massachusetts organizations will receive grant funding through the allocation of over \$5 million in State and Federal grant awards. The grants, originating from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Grant, will be used to strengthen community anti-violence coalitions and anti-crime programs in municipalities, college campuses, and non-profit organizations statewide.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-12/1198398020165920.xml&coll=1>.

Police Recruits Must Pledge to Stay with Towns for 3 Years

***The Boston Globe*, December 27, 2007**

A recent *Boston Globe* article states that before they begin their training, the Northborough Police Department is requiring new officers to pledge to remain with the town for at least three years. The new pledge states that any officer who leaves before completing three years of duty must reimburse the town \$2,500 for training fees. Similar policies have become progressively more common in suburban police departments statewide due to the high demand of trained police recruits.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/12/27/police_recruits_must_pledge_to_stay_with_town_for_3_years/.

Announcements

FFY 07 Byrne Grant Funding Announced

On December 20, 2007, Governor Deval L. Patrick announced a total of \$3,494,162 of FFY2007 Byrne funding for 44 organizations across the state. Contracts will run for 12 months and awardees can expect award letters and contract packages in the first week of January. A mandatory technical assistance meeting will be scheduled for late January/early February; all grantees will be notified. For further question please contact: Lynne Lyman at (617) 725-3308 or lynne.lyman@state.ma.us.

Access the Byrne Grants for Violence Prevention in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts press release: <http://www.mass.gov/eops> and click on link under News & Updates.

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